FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Boyce Michael Ross						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STEPAN CO [ SCL ]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
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(Last) (First) (Middle) 22 W. FRONTAGE ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2019									Office below	r (give title )		Other (s below)	specify	
(Street) NORTHFIELD IL 60093				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)											Person			·			
		Tab	le I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	Sec	curitie	es A	cquired,	Dis	osed	of, or Be	enefici	ally C	wne	d				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa Date (Month/D					Execut			Code (I	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)			str. 3, 4 a	and Securiti Benefic Owned Reporte		ies For cially (D) Following (I) (		n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	V	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pric	e   1	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				` ′	
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,		Transaction Code (Instr.		rative rities ired rosed ) . 3, 4	6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Day	Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)		Deriv Secu (Inst	Price of crivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		opiration	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares							
Stock Awards	(1)	01/02/2019			A		2		(2)		(2)	Common Stock	2	\$	74	735		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Each Stock Award represents the right to receive one share of issuer common stock.
- 2. Stock Awards are payable in shares following separation from service.

/s/ Stephanie J. Pacitti, Attorney-in-fact for Michael R. 01/03/2019 Boyce

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

 $Reminder: Report \ on \ a \ separate \ line \ for \ each \ class \ of \ securities \ beneficially \ owned \ directly \ or \ indirectly.$ 

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Brian William Bichkoff, Michael Takien Chin and Stephanie Jane Pacitti, signing singly, as the undersigned?s true and lawful authorized representatives and attorneys-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned?s capacity as a director of Stepan Company (?the Company?), Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any and all amendments thereto, in accordance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the ?1934 Act?), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such form or schedule and the timely filing of such form or schedule with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or stock market or other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorneys-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorneys-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorneys-in-fact may approve in such attorneys-in-fact?s discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact, or such attorneys-in-fact?s substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming any of the undersigned?s responsibilities to comply with Section 16 or any other provision of the 1934 Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned?s holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 18th of December, 2018.

/s/ Michael R. Boyce Michael R. Boyce